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Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of the following prior foreign application is hereby requested, and the right of priority provided in 35 U.S.C. § 119 is hereby claimed.

JAPAN Patent Application No. 10/262941, filed 09/17/1998.

In support of this claim, a certified copy of the English translation is present in the parent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/787,504, Attorney Docket No. 084335-0133.

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